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TAGS: OVIP (KIRK, NORMAN), NZ

SUBJECT: PM KIRK'S TRAVEL TO US FOR UNGA

1. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR LLOYD WHITE HAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING BASIC ITINERARY FOR PM NORMAN KIRK IN CONNECTION HIS TRAVEL TO US FOR UNGA NEXT MONTH:

HONOLULU - SEP 13

LOS ANGELES - SEP 15

MINNEAPOLIS - SEP 17 AND 18

NEW YORK - SEP 19 AND 20

WASHINGTON - SEP 21 AND 22

NEW YORK - SEPT 23 (ADDRESS BEFORE UNGA)

DEPART US - SEP 24 (MUST RETURN TO NZ FOR VISIT OF SHAH OF IRAN)

2. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILED ITINERARY WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. AMB. WHITE STATED THAT KIRK DOES NOT WISH THIS TO BE
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SEEN AS VISIT TO US IN ANY OFFICIAL SENSE -- THAT HE WISHES

TO BE SIMPLY "VISITING DELEGATE TO THE UN."

4. KIRK HAS ASKED THAT SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION NOT BE PROVIDED. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WELL FOR AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS THIS WITH PM OR MEMBER HIS PERSONAL

STAFF. WHILE THIS IS MATTER FOR PM TO DECIDE, AND WHILE WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY THREATS AGAINST KIRK, SECRET SERVICE POINTS OUT IT RATHER UNUSUAL FOR LEADER OF KIRK'S STATURE TO DECLINE PROTECTION. NORMALLY, SECRET SERVICE WOULD MEET KIRK AT PLANESIDE IN HONOLULU TO ASK FOR SIGNATURE OF WAIVER, SINCE US LAW PROVIDES FOR NO DISCRETION THIS MATTER.

5. IF PM ADAMANT IN WISHING DECLINE PROTECTION, REQUEST THAT YOU PRESENT FOLLOWING LETTER FOR HIS SIGNATURE. (YOU SHOULD CABLE FACT OF PM'S SIGNATURE TO DEPARTMENT, AND FORWARD ORIGINAL OF LETTER TO DEPARTMENT FOR USSS. SIGNATURE SHOULD BE WITNESSED BY YOU IF POSSIBLE.)

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DEAR MR. KNIGHT:

I AM AWARE OF PUBLIC LAW 91-651 WHICH PROVIDES FOR PROTECTION OF ALL VISITING HEADS OF STATE, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER DIGNITARIES AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE US SECRET SERVICE IS CHARGED WITH THIS PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY.

THIS PROTECTION HAS BEEN OFFERED TO ME AND IS AVAILABLE, BUT FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I HEREBY DECLINE THIS PROTECTION AND RELIEVE THE SECRET SERVICE OF ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY PERSONAL SECURITY FOR THE DURATION OF MY PENDING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, DURING SEPTEMBER OF 1974.

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6. DEPARTMENT REMAINS HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL BE

ABLE TO CONVINCE KIRK THAT HE SHOULD ACCEPT AT LEAST
MINIMAL SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION. KISSINGER

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